



**DATE:** February 4, 2011

**BID NO.** 11.041

**SUBJECT:** Invitation to bid on the following equipment, supply, and/or services.

**NAME OF BID:** **MOWING FOR LEISURE SERVICES**

This letter extends to your Firm an invitation to submit a bid to supply the City of Savannah with equipment, supplies, and/or services as indicated above. Sealed bids for the above will be received in the Office of the City Purchasing Director, Third Floor, City Hall, 2 E. Bay St, Savannah, Georgia 31401 up to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at which time, bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids not received in the Purchasing Office by the time and date specified will not be opened. Bidders are encouraged to review Section 1.3 How to Submit Bid Proposals. The Board of Purchase reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Instructions for preparation and submission of a bid-proposal are contained in the attached packet. Please note that specific forms for submission of a bid proposal are required. Bids must be typed or printed in ink. If you choose not to submit a bid, no further action is required.

A pre-bid conference has been scheduled to be conducted in the Office of the Purchasing Director, 3rd Floor, City Hall at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 to discuss the specifications and resolve any questions and/or misunderstandings that may arise. You are invited to attend.

Any changes to the conditions and specifications must be in the form of a written addendum to be valid; therefore, the City will issue a written addendum to document all approved changes. **Any bid submitted which does not acknowledge the receipt of an addendum will not be considered.**

The City of Savannah has an equal opportunity purchasing policy. The City of Savannah seeks to ensure that all segments of the business community have access to supplying the goods and services needed by City programs. The City affirmatively works to encourage utilization of minority business enterprises in our procurement activities. The City provides equal opportunities for all businesses and does not discriminate against any vendors regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or handicap. A "minority business enterprise" is defined as "one whose ownership is at least 51% held by persons who are Black, Asian-American, American Indian or Spanish Surnamed Americans".

A Bid proposal from your Firm will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Purchasing Director

Vickie J. Steele  
Buyer

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## AN INVITATION TO BID INSTRUCTIONS TO BID

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to provide general and specific information for use by vendors in submitting a bid to supply the City of Savannah with equipment, supplies, and or services as listed above. All bids are governed by the Charter and Code of the City of Savannah.
- 1.2 **How to Prepare Bid Proposals:** All bid proposals shall be:
  - (A) Prepared on the forms enclosed herewith, unless otherwise prescribed.
  - (B) Typewritten or completed with pen and ink, signed by the vendor or his authorized representative, with all erasures or corrections initialed and dated by the official signing the proposal. Bidders are encouraged to review carefully all provisions and attachments of this document prior to completion. Each bid constitutes an offer and may not be withdrawn except as provided herein. Also, prices are to remain firm for the period stated herein.
- 1.3 **How to Submit Bid Proposals:** All bid proposals shall be:
  - (A) Submitted in sealed opaque envelope, plainly marked with the bid number and equipment, supply and/or service description listed above.
  - (B) Mailed or delivered as follows in sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Purchasing Director on or before 1:30 P.M. on the date specified in the first paragraph of the above letter of invitation.
    - (a) **US Postal Service Standard Mail Mailing Address:** Purchasing Director, Post Office Box 1027, Savannah, Georgia 31402. It is the bidder's responsibility to insure that the bid is delivered to the Purchasing Office prior to the deadline for bids. It is not enough for the bid to be delivered to the Post Office Box. While the City generally collects mail from the post office box once daily, a bidder submitting to the PO Box does so at their own risk.
    - (b) **Hand or Overnight/Express Delivery Address:** Purchasing Director, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 2 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401.
    - (c) Bids, other than those requiring bonds, unable to be mailed, express mailed or hand delivered by the time indicated may be faxed as a last resort to the Purchasing Office the day of the bid due date at the bidder's own risk. The fax number is (912) 651-6855. Bidders are cautioned to verify receipt of the fax transmission by calling the main office phone at (912) 651-6425. The time of receipt is based upon the the bid being received in its entirety prior to bid opening and time stamped by the Purchasing Department. No other time stamp i.e. fax machine time, will be accepted.
    - (d) Bids not received in the Purchasing Office by the time and date specified in the first paragraph of the letter will not be opened.
- 1.4 **How to Submit an Objection:** Objections from bidders to the invitation to bid and/or these specifications should be brought to the attention of the City Purchasing Director in the following manner.
  - (A) When a pre-bid conference is scheduled, bidders should either present their oral objection at that time or submit their written objections at least 2 days prior to the scheduled conference.
  - (B) When a pre-bid conference is not scheduled, the bidders should object in writing at least 5 days prior to the opening of the bids.
  - (C) Failure to object in accordance with the above procedure shall constitute a waiver on the part of the vendor to protest the solicitation.
- 1.5 **Failure to Bid:** If a bid is not submitted, bidder should return bid sheets, stating reason therefore, and indicate whether the business should be retained or removed from the City's mailing list. **The outside of the envelope should clearly be marked "No Bid"**
- 1.6 **Errors in Bids:** Bidders or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements and specifications before submitting bids. Failure to do so will be at the bidders' own risk. In case of error in extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices shall govern.

- 1.7 **Standards for Acceptance of Bid for Award Contract:** The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in bids received whenever such rejections or waiver is in the interest of the City. The City reserves the right to reject the bid of a bidder who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time contracts of a similar nature, or a bid from a bidder whom investigation shows is not in a position to perform the contract.
- 1.8 **Bidder:** Whenever the term "bidder" is used it shall encompass the "contractor", "purchaser" or other party having a contract with the City in such capacity after a contract has been entered into or between such party and the City.
- 1.9 **Compliance with laws:** The bidder shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman's compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by federal, state or City statute, ordinances and rules during the performance of any contract between the bidder and the City. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the bidder and the City shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 **Specifications:** Any obvious error or omission in specifications shall not inure to the benefit of the bidder but shall put the bidder on notice to inquire of or identify the same from the City. Whenever mention is made of any article, material, or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed to be the minimum requirements of these specifications.
- 2.2 **Delivery Point:** Unless otherwise stated, all items shall be quoted and delivered F.O.B. Destination (i.e., at a specific City of Savannah address), and delivery cost and charges (if any) will be included in bid price.
- 2.3 **Cash Discounts (Terms):** Unless otherwise specified, prompt payment cash discounts will be considered in determining cost. A minimum of ten (10) working days must be allowed for an offered prompt payment discount in order to be considered in making an award.
- 2.4 **Delivery Time:** When delivery time is requested in invitation documents, time will be of the essence; therefore, bid shall include the delivery date. In some instances, the City may specify an outside delivery date.
- 2.5 **Preparation for Delivery:**
- (A) **Packing** - Packing shall be accomplished in accordance with acceptable commercial practices for domestic shipments, unless otherwise stated in the contract or purchase order. The vendor shall make shipments using the minimum number of containers consistent with the requirements of safe transit, available mode of transportation routing. It shall be the vendor's responsibility to determine that packing is done as adequate to assure that all the materials shall arrive at destination in an undamaged condition ready for its intended use.
  - (B) **Marking** - All packages shall be identified with the City of Savannah purchase order number and the using Department. Sealed packing lists must be affixed to all cartons showing its content.
  - (C) **Shipping** - The vendor shall follow shipping instructions as stated on the purchase order or contract.
- 2.6 **Multiple Bids:** No vendor will be allowed to submit more than one bid. Any alternate proposals must be brought to the Purchasing Director's attention during the Pre-Bid Conference or submitted in writing at least five (5) days preceding bid opening date.
- 2.7 **Bids For All Or Part:** Unless otherwise specified by the City or by the bidder, **THE CITY OF SAVANNAH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE AWARD ON ALL ITEMS, OR ON ANY OF THE ITEMS ACCORDING TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.** Bidder may restrict his bid to consideration in the aggregate by so stating, but must name a unit price on each item bid upon.

- 2.8 **Warranties for Usage:** Whenever a bid is sought seeking a source of supply for a specified period of time for materials or services, **THE QUANTITIES OF USAGE SHOWN ARE ESTIMATED ONLY.** No guarantee or warranty of any amount is given or implied by the City as to the total amount that may be purchased from any resulting contracts.
- 2.9 **Prices to be Firm:** Bidder warrants that bid prices, terms and conditions quoted in his bid will be firm for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days from opening date.
- 2.10 **Description of Materials:** Proposals for materials, supplies, vehicles, and/or equipment should be accompanied by copies of detailed factory specifications, ratings, technical data, including accurate descriptions of the exact materials, supplies, vehicles, and/or equipment on which bids are made.
- 2.11 **Completeness:** All information required by Invitation to Bid must be completed and submitted to constitute a proper bid.
- 2.12 **Quality:** All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials or equipment covered by this bid shall be new (unless otherwise specified), the latest model, of the best quality, and highest grade workmanship. Vehicles and/or equipment shall be equipped with such necessary equipment complying with the Georgia State Law, but not including licensing. Also, materials must comply with all applicable Federal and State OSHA requirements in affect at the time of bid.
- 2.13 **Acceptance of Material:** The material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of this material and/or services is made and therefore accepted to the satisfaction of the City. **IN THE EVENT THAT THE MATERIAL AND/OR SERVICES SUPPLIED TO THE CITY IS FOUND TO BE DEFECTIVE OR DOES NOT CONFORM TO SPECIFICATIONS, THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE ORDER UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SELLER AND RETURN THE PRODUCT TO THE SELLER AT THE SELLER'S EXPENSE AND TO INVOKE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2.22.**
- 2.14 **Plant and Facility Inspections:** The Purchasing Department may require the vendor to make his plant and facilities available for inspection; or may require additional information concerning the vendor's ability to perform compliant with the requirements of this specification. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause rejection of the bid package.
- 2.15 **Guarantee:** Unless otherwise specified by the City, the bidder shall unconditionally guarantee the materials and workmanship on all material and/or services. If, within the guarantee period any defects occur which are due to faulty material and or services, the bidder at his expense, shall repair or adjust the condition, or replace the material and/or services to the complete satisfaction of the City. These repairs, replacement or adjustments shall be made only at such time as will be least detrimental to the operation of City business.
- 2.16 **Manufacture or Dealer Advertisement:** No manufacturer or dealer advertising attachment shall appear on products delivered to the City without prior approval by the City of Savannah.
- 2.17 **Brand Name:** If and wherever brand names, makes, names of manufacturers, trade names, vendor catalogs or model numbers are stated, they are for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material.
- 2.18 **"OR EQUAL" Interpretation:** It is the vendor's responsibility to prove to the City that each bid item is equal to the grade or quality of material specified.

On all such bids, the bidder shall indicate clearly the product (brand and catalog or model numbers) on which he is bidding, and shall supply a sample and sufficient data in detail to enable an intelligent comparison to be made with the particular brand or manufacturers specified. Failure to submit the required information will be sufficient grounds for rejection of bid. The City shall be the sole judge concerning the merits of bid submitted. If the vendor has any questions relative to whether his product is equal to the grade or quality of the product specified, he should resolve this issue at the pre-bid conference; however, if the extent of the discussion precludes resolution at the pre-bid conference, the vendor should contact the Purchasing Director and resolve the issue prior to submission of bid.

NOTHING HEREIN PRECLUDES TESTING AS SPECIFIED BY THE CITY. VENDOR SHALL BEAR EXPENSES OF TESTS.

- 2.19 **Certified Test Report:** Each bidder shall provide a copy of a certified test report prior to or with their sealed bids when specified. The certified test report shall be from a recognized independent testing laboratory or manufacturer's quality control laboratory showing all test results and full compliance with the appropriate specification indicated herein. However, the City will bear the cost of any independent tests or consultant services it so chooses to perform.

- 2.20 **Samples and Demonstrations:** Evidence in the form of samples may be requested. When required, such samples are to be furnished after the date of bid opening only upon request of the City unless otherwise stated in the bid proposal. If samples are requested, unless otherwise authorized, such samples must be received by the City no later than seven (7) days after formal request is made. The City may request full demonstration of any item(s) bid prior to the award of any contract.

Bid samples shall be an exact and true representative sample of the actual material offered. Each bid sample shall be properly tagged or labeled with the name of the bidder and manufacturer, the bid opening date, and the bid number. Bid samples shall be provided at no additional costs to the City. Samples not used for tests will be returned to the bidder at the bidders' expense if so requested.

Furthermore, the City reserves the right to secure additional check samples from the actual material supplied. In the event the check samples fail to conform with the contract requirements, the contractor shall immediately replace the portion of the delivered commodity with acceptable material conforming to the contract requirements at no additional cost to the City.

- 2.21 **Liability:** Where bidders are required to enter or go onto City of Savannah property to deliver materials or perform work or services as a result of bid award, the bidder shall be liable for any injury, damage or loss to the City occasioned by negligence of the bidder or his agent or any person the bidder has designated in the completion of his contract as a result of his bid and shall indemnify and hold harmless the City from any liability arising therefrom. When specified a certificate showing appropriate liability insurance coverage must be submitted to the Purchasing Director prior to award of the purchase. In connection with its indemnification and Hold Harmless, bidder shall be required to notify its liability insurance carrier and the City of any and all claims for injury, damage or loss occasioned by the negligence or alleged negligence of the bidder (or his agent) or any person the bidder has designated in the completion of his contract.

- 2.22 **Default Provision:** The contract may be canceled or annulled by the City of Savannah in whole or in part by written notice of default to the Contractor upon non-performance or violation of contract terms. An award may be made to the next low bidder, for articles and/or services specified or they may be purchased on the open market and, the defaulting Contractor (or his surety) shall be liable to the City of Savannah for costs to the City in excess of the defaulted contract prices. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent any part is not terminated under the provisions of this clause.

- 2.23 **Patent Indemnity:** Except as otherwise provided, the successful bidder agrees to indemnify the City and its officers, agents and employees against liability, including costs and expenses for infringement upon any letters or patent of the United States arising out of the performance of this Contract or out of the use or disposal by or for the account of the City of supplies furnished or construction work performed hereunder.

- 2.24 **Certification of Independent Price Determination:** By submission of this bid, the bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

- (1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor;

- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition; and
- (4) No agent or employee of the City of Savannah has been bribed in connection with this bid solicitation.

2.25 **Award of Contract:** The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the most responsive and responsible bidder whose bid will be most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered. The City will make the determination.

2.26 **Bid Protest Procedure:** A contractor or supplier who is aggrieved by the recommendation of the City Manager to award a contract may appeal the decision to the City Manager no later than 48 hours prior to the date the award recommendation is scheduled to be approved by City Council. Recommendations to Council are posted on the preliminary agenda on the City's website generally on the Friday prior to the Council meeting date. It is the vendor's responsibility to ascertain the City's recommendation for award. The preliminary agenda may be accessed at <http://www.ci.savannah.ga.us/Cityweb/minutes.nsf/Agendas>. No consideration shall be given to protests received after the prescribed period for protests.

2.27 **Local and MWBE Vendor Preference:** The following provisions shall apply in the procurement of supplies and services:

a) In the event that the lowest bid among those provided by responsive and responsible Local Vendors is within two (2) percent or \$10,000, whichever is less, or within \$500 of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who is not a Local Vendor, the lowest responsive and responsible Local Vendor shall be afforded the opportunity to match the bid submitted by the non-local bidder. If the lowest responsive and responsible Local Vendor agrees to match the lowest bid, then the contract shall be awarded to the Local Vendor.

b) In the event that the lowest bid among those provided by responsive and responsible Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women-Owned Business is within three (3) percent or \$10,000, whichever is less, or within \$500 of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, the lowest responsive and responsible Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women Business Enterprise shall be afforded the opportunity to match the bid submitted by the low bidder. If the lowest responsive and responsible Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women Business Enterprise agrees to match the lowest bid, then the contract shall be awarded to the Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women Business Enterprise.

c) In the event that the lowest bid among those provided by responsive and responsible Local Vendors located within a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area is within three (3) percent or \$10,000, whichever is less, or within \$500 of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, the lowest responsive and responsible Local Vendor shall be afforded the opportunity to match the bid submitted by the low bidder. If the lowest responsive and responsible Local Vendor located within a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area agrees to match the lowest bid, then the contract shall be awarded to the Local Vendor located within a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area.

d) In the event that the lowest bid among those provided by responsive and responsible Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women-Owned Business located within a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area is within four (4) percent or \$10,000, whichever is less, or within \$500 of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, the lowest responsive and responsible Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women Business Enterprise shall be afforded the opportunity to match the bid submitted by the low bidder. If the lowest responsive and responsible Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women Business Enterprise located within a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area agrees to match the lowest bid, then the contract shall be awarded to the Local Minority Business Enterprise or Local Women Business Enterprise located within a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area.

e) In the event that more than one bid meets the criteria in sub-paragraphs (a),(b),(c)and(d), the opportunity to match the low bidder shall be afforded first to the lowest bidder meeting the criteria in sub-paragraph (d),second to the lowest bidder meeting criteria listed in sub-paragraph (c), third to the low bidder meeting the criteria listed in sub-paragraph (b) and fourth to the low bidder meeting the criteria listed in sub-paragraph (a).

- 2.28 **Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Policy:** It is the policy of the City to provide minority and women owned business enterprises with equal opportunity for participating in selling goods and services to the City of Savannah. Bidders are required to make A Good Faith Efforts to subcontract, where applicable, with or purchase supplies from MWBEs. The bidder shall keep records of such efforts that are adequate to permit a determination of compliance with this requirement.

The bidder shall also submit the attached notice of non-discrimination with their bid.

- 2.29 **Employment Eligibility Verification and Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE):**

As required under Senate Bill 529 – “Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act” of 2006, O.C.G.A. Section 2, Article 3 13-10-91, public employers, their contractors and subcontractors are required to verify the work eligibility of all newly hired employees through an electronic federal work authorization program. The Georgia Department of Labor has added a new Chapter 300-10-1, entitled "Public Employers, Their Contractors and Subcontractors Required to Verify New Employee Work Eligibility Through a Federal Work Authorization Program," to the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia. (See website: [http://www.dol.state.ga.us/pdf/rules/300\\_10\\_1.pdf](http://www.dol.state.ga.us/pdf/rules/300_10_1.pdf).) The new rules designate the “Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) Basic Pilot Program” operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the electronic federal work authorization program to be utilized for these purposes. The EEV/Basic Pilot Program can be accessed at: <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/StartPage.aspx?JS=YES>. Bidders shall comply with this new rule and submit with your bid the attached “Contractor Affidavit and Agreement.”

O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, requires Georgia’s cities to comply with the federal **Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program**. SAVE is a federal program used to verify that applicants for certain “public benefits” are legally present in the United States. Contracts with the City are considered “public benefits.” Therefore, the successful bidder will be required to provide the Affidavit Verifying Status for City of Savannah Benefit Application prior to receiving any City contract. The affidavit is included as part of this bid package but is only required of the successful bidder.

- 2.30 **Qualified Vendor:** A "Qualified Vendor" is defined for this purpose as one who meets, or by the date of bid acceptance can meet, all requirements for licensing, insurance and service contained within these specifications.
- 2.31 **Compliance With Specifications - Terms and Conditions:** The Invitation to Bid, Legal Advertisement, General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders, Specifications, Special Conditions, Vendor's Bid, Addendum, and/or any other pertinent documents form a part of this proposal and by reference are made a part hereof.
- 2.32 **Signed Bid Considered Offer:** The signed bid shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder, which offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah, the City Manager or his designee. In case of a default on the part of the bidder after such acceptance, the City of Savannah may take such actions as it deems appropriate including legal action for damages or specific performance.
- 2.33 **Notice to Proceed:** The successful bidder shall not commence work under this invitation to bid until duly notified by receipt of contract signed as executed by the City Manager or the Purchasing Director. If the successful bidder does commence any work prior to receiving official notification,

he does so at his own risk.

- 2.34 **Georgia Open Records Act:** The responses will become part of the City of Savannah's official files with any obligation on the City's part. Ownership of all data, materials and documentation prepared for and submitted to the City of Savannah in response to a solicitation, regardless of type, shall belong exclusively to the City of Savannah and will be considered a record prepared and maintained or received in the course of operation of public office of agency and is subject to public inspection in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act, Official Code of Georgia Annotated 50-18-70, et Seq., unless otherwise provided by law.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 3.1 **Price Change:** Preference shall be given to the bidder submitting the lowest and best firm price as his bid. Should it be found that due to unusual market conditions it is in the best interest of the City to accept a price with an escalation clause, the following shall apply:

Unless otherwise specified, prices shall be reviewed no more often than on a quarterly basis.

Cost data to support any proposed increase must be submitted to the Purchasing Director no less than 30 days prior to the effective date of any such requested price increase.

Any adjustment allowed shall consist of verifiable material cost increases which may be passed on to the consumer.

No adjustment shall be made to compensate a supplier for inefficiency in operation, or for additional profit.

Bids indicating price in effect at time of shipment will be considered invalid.

- 3.2 **Bonds:** (Check where applicable)

- ☐ (A) Each bidder shall post a **bid bond, certified check or money order** made payable to the City in the amount of 5 % of the bid price. A company check is **not** acceptable. No bids shall be read or considered without a proper form of security.
- ☒ (B) No bond, certified check, or U.S. Money Order is required.
- ☐ (C) Bidder shall post a **payment / performance bond, certified check or money order** payable to the City in the amount of 100% of the bid price if awarded the purchase. Such bond(s) are due prior to contract execution as a guarantee that goods meet requirements of the contract including timely delivery, performance specifications and warranty requirements. Such bonds will also guarantee quality performance of services and timely payment of invoices to any subcontractors.
- ☐ (D) Bidder shall post a **performance bond, certified check or money order** in the amount of    % of the bid price if awarded the purchase. Such bond(s) are due prior to contract execution as a guarantee of timely delivery and that equipment, materials and /or goods are delivered according to specifications.

Whenever a bond is provided, it shall be executed by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, approved by the City, and must be executed on the attached forms. At the discretion of the City, other forms of security may be considered in lieu of a performance bond.

- 3.3 **City License Requirement:** Contractor must be licensed in the State of Georgia by government entity for which he does the majority of his business.

- 3.4 **Warranty Requirements:** (Check where applicable)

- ☐ (A) Provisions of item 2.12 in regards to quality shall apply.
- ☒ (B) Warranty required.
- ☒ (a) Standard Warranty shall be offered with bid.
- ☐ (b) Extended Warranty shall be offered with bid.

3.5 **Terms of Contract:** (Check where applicable)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (A) | Annual Contract    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | (B) | One time Purchase. |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | (C) | Other              |

## SPECIFIC SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 4.0 The purpose of these specifications is to describe mowing services needed by the City of Savannah Building and Grounds department. The City desires to contract these services for athletic fields, playgrounds and other areas throughout the incorporated City limits.
- 4.1 Detailed Specifications:**
- 4.2 Subcontracting will not be allowed.
- 4.3 The successful Contractor must own his own equipment, or provide documentation of a lease-purchase agreement on heavy equipment, in effect at the time of notification of contract award.
- 4.4 Contractor is required to implement mowing services to the City utilizing his own lawn care equipment with turf tires and an industrial-commercial engine. Additionally, for trimming purposes, a gasoline-powered industrial-commercial type line trimmer is required. It is suggested that the Contractor also have one push-type lawnmower. The Building and Grounds Director will have the right to determine the adequacy of proposed Contractor's equipment.
- 4.5 In case of equipment failures, the Contractor must also demonstrate the ability to obtain back-up equipment, either through ownership or rental of such equipment.
- 4.6 Litter pickup is to be done twice weekly, Monday and Friday, for all sites, including sidewalks, bleachers, steps, paved areas, woods or brush lines, and drainage ditches bordering the service area. All litter will be placed in litter cans for department pickup.
- 4.7 Mowing, trimming and edging of lawns and fields will be done once per week during the growing season. **Mowing Height: All grass shall be mowed at 2 inches.**
- 4.8 Trimming and edging around obstacles will be done once per week. Obstacles include trees, poles, fences, benches, playground equipment, or any other object around which the grass is unreachable by mower. Contractor may apply herbicide around fence, poles, bleachers and other areas where trimming is required. The herbicide must be approved by Buildings & Grounds prior to its application. Spray patterns will not exceed 5 inches from the obstacle.
- 4.9 Shrub beds will be kept free of litter.
- 4.10 Report any vandalism or damage in the park(s) by calling (912) 351-3847.
- 4.11 The Buildings & Grounds Department will provide the contractor with a schedule. The schedule may change during the season due to rentals and other scheduled events.
- 4.12 The Building & Grounds Department shall decide if and when turf areas are too wet to mow.
- 4.14 The contractor must have a pager, cell phone or some type of communication device whereby he can be reached when problems develop.
- 4.15 If the contractor experiences any difficulty in performing his duties for any reason, the Building & Grounds Director is to be notified immediately.
- 4.16 The mowing season is estimated to be 26 weeks. This is an estimated only and the actual season may vary based on growing conditions.
- 4.17 Mowing Sites:**
- 1) Please see attached PDF drawings (Attachments (2)). Sizes listed are estimates only each bidder shall be responsible for taking his/her own measurements. It

is strongly suggested that contractors should view each location prior to submitting their bid.

- 2) **Frequency:** Sites shall be mowed once per week. **Exception: \* Windsor Forest Athletic Field (ballfield only) shall be mowed twice per week and the Wilshire Tract which shall be mowed once every two weeks.**

- 3) **Locations:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. SIZE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mohawk Lake	8.2 Acres	1132 Mohawk St.
Windsor High School	3.8 Acres	Largo Drive
Windsor Elementary	2.5 Acres	Briarcliff Circle
Joseph J. Tribble Park	5.2 Acres	12519 Largo Drive
White Bluff Elementary	7.5 Acres	White Bluff Rd
Mayfair Playground	0.6 Acres	Dale Drive
Guy Minick Ballfields	13.8 Acres	Eisenhower Drive
Bacon Park Ballfields	13.7 Acres	Bona Bella Drive
Crusader Playground	3.7 Acres	Coffee Villa Avenue
Bacon Park Tennis Complex	2 Acres	Skidaway Road
Barjan Terrace Park	1.7 Acres	Emory Drive
Coffee Bluff Marina	2.1 Acres	14915 Coffee Bluff Road
Wilshire Tract	1.4 Acres	10610 Middlground Rd.
Peach Hollow Lake	6.8 acres	200 Quail Hollow Drive

## 5.0 General Specifications:

### 5.1 Insurance Requirements:

The Contractor does hereby covenant and agree to indemnify and save harmless the City of Savannah, its members and staff, from all fines, suits, claims, demands and actions of any kind and nature based upon or arising out of any or all of the operations to be performed by Contractor hereunder and as provided under Item 2.21.

Contractor shall maintain with insurance underwriters satisfactory to the City of Savannah a standard form policy or policies of insurance in the following amounts:

Comprehensive General Liability -

\$500,000 - General Aggregate Limit  
 \$500,000 - Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit  
 \$500,000 - Personal and Advertising Injury Limit  
 \$500,000 - Each Occurrence Limit  
 \$500,000 - Fire Damage Limit  
 \$ 5,000 - Medical Expense Limit (Any One Person)

Commercial Catastrophe (Umbrella) Liability - Shall be written for the following limits:

\$500,000 - Each occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage  
 \$500,000 - Annual Aggregate

OCP – Owner's and Contractor's Protective Liability - Shall be written for the following limits:

\$500,000 - Each occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage  
 \$500,000 - Annual Aggregate

Comprehensive Automobile Liability - Shall be written for all owned vehicles, non-ownership liability and hired vehicles and shall be written for the following limits:

\$500,000 - each occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage

It is understood that the specified amounts of insurance in no way limit the liability of the contractor, and that contractor shall carry insurance in such amounts so as to indemnify and save harmless the City of Savannah, its members and staff, from all claims and suits, demands, and actions. Contractor shall furnish a certificate from the insurance carrier or carriers showing such insurance full force contract.

The contractor shall secure and maintain during the term of this contract, Workmen's Compensation for all of their employees connected with the work on this bid. Such insurance shall comply with the Georgia Workmen's Compensation Law.

Proof of coverage must be provided within ten (10) days of the City's request.

A minimum of thirty (30) days prior to cancellation notice shall be given to the City of Savannah, in writing, prior to cancellation by insurance carrier.

**6.0 General Specifications:**

6.1 Basis of Award: Contract will be awarded to the vendor(s) with the lowest net cost to the City and who meets all City specifications.

6.2 The City reserves the right to award this bid in total, to split the award on a site by site basis, or to primary and secondary vendors, whichever is in the best interest of the City.

6.3 This is an annual seasonal contract and prices are to be held firm for a period of one(1) year (12 months). This contract may be extended for two additional one (1) year periods at the same terms and conditions upon mutual agreement of the contracting parties.

6.4 Invoices should be sent to the following address:  
City of Savannah  
Accounts Payable  
PO Box 1027  
Savannah, GA 31402

Duplicate invoices should be mailed to:  
City of Savannah  
Buildings and Grounds  
P.O. Box 1027  
Savannah, GA 31402

6.5 The bid response must include the following documents in this order

- Bid Proposal Form ( as a cover sheet)
- Exception Sheet
- Non-Discrimination Statement
- Proposed Schedule of MWBE Participation
- Contractor affidavit and agreement
- Other requested submittals as stated

All referenced documents must be completed and returned in their entirety to constitute a complete bid.

6.6 All bids must be submitted in **DUPLICATE**.

- 6.7 Vendor is responsible for determining and acknowledging any addenda issued in connection with this bid solicitation.
- 6.8 To be awarded a bid, bidders must be registered as a bidder on the City of Savannah's website at [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov).

**EXCEPTION SHEET**

If the commodity(ies) and/or services proposed in the response to this bid is in anyway different from that contained in this proposal or bid, the bidder is responsible to clearly identify by specification section number, all such differences in the space provided below. Otherwise, it will be assumed that bidder's offer is in total compliance with all aspects of the proposal or bid.

Below are the exceptions to the stated specifications:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**BID PROPOSAL FORM**

**(SUBMIT AS THE COVER SHEET)**  
**(SUBMIT A MINIMUM OF TWO COPIES)**

City of Savannah Purchasing Dept  
 3rd Floor, City Hall  
 P. O. Box 1027  
 Savannah, Georgia 31402  
 ATTN: Purchasing Director

BID NUMBER: 11.041

Business Location: (Check One)  
☐ Chatham County  
☐ City of Savannah  
☐ Other

**ALL BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED VENDORS ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.**  
**PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.SAVANNAHGA.GOV.**

Name of Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA?  
 (CHECK ONE) YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM WHAT CITY/COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
 TAX CERTIFICATE #: \_\_\_\_\_ FED TAX ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

INDICATE LEGAL FORM OF OWNERSHIP OF BIDDER (STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY):  
 CHECK ONE: ☐ CORPORATION ☐ PARTNERSHIP  
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_)

INDICATE OWNERSHIP STATUS OF BIDDER  
 (CHECK ONE):

☐ NON-MINORITY OWNED ☐ ASIAN AMERICAN  
☐ AFRICAN AMERICAN ☐ AMERICAN INDIAN  
☐ HISPANIC ☐ OTHER MINORITY (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ WOMAN (non-minority)

Do you plan to subcontract any portion of this project? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, please complete the attached schedule of MWBE participation. Also complete the schedule if you will be using any MWBE suppliers.

THE UNDERSIGNED PROPOSES TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN STRICT CONFORMANCE TO THE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND BID INVITATION ISSUED BY THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR THIS BID. ANY EXCEPTIONS ARE CLEARLY MARKED IN THE ATTACHED COPY OF BID SPECIFICATIONS:

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	EST. QTY.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Mohawk Lake	26 Weeks		
2	Windsor High School	26 Weeks		
3	Windsor Elementary	26 Weeks		
4	Joseph J. Tribble Park	26 Weeks		
5	White Bluff Elementary	26 Weeks		
6	Mayfair Playground	26 Weeks		
7	Guy Minick Ballfields	26 Weeks		
8	Bacon Park Ballfields	26 Weeks		
9	Crusader Playground	26 Weeks		
10	Bacon Park Tennis Complex	26 Weeks		
11	Barjan Terrace Park	26 Weeks		
12	Coffee Bluff Marina	26 Weeks		
13	Wilshire Tract	26 Weeks		
14	Peach Hollow Lake	26 Weeks		

**TOTAL BID \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT TERMS: PLEASE CHECK ONE AND FILL IN BLANKS**

(Minimum of 10 working days must be allowed for discount to be considered in bid award)

\_\_\_ Less \_\_\_ % \_\_\_ Days Prompt Payment Discount (if offered)

( \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_ Net - 30 Days (no discount offered)

- 0 -

**TOTAL NET BID**

**\$**  
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**TIME REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_DAYS**

**CONFIRM RECEIPT OF ANY ADDENDA ISSUED FOR THIS BID:**

**ADDENDUM \_\_\_\_\_#**

**DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

**I certify this Bid complies with the General and Specific Specifications and Conditions issued by the City except as clearly marked in the attached copy.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Please Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorization Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The bidder certifies that:

- (1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, or gender in connection with any bid submitted to the City of Savannah or the performance of any contract resulting therefrom;
- (2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all business persons seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this Company, including those companies owned and controlled by racial minorities, cultural minorities, and women;
- (3) In connection herewith, We acknowledge and warrant that this Company has been made aware of, understands and agrees to take affirmative action to provide such companies with the maximum practicable opportunities to do business with this Company;
- (4) That this promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption;
- (5) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be and are hereby deemed to be made as part of and incorporated by reference into any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain and;
- (6) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the City of Savannah to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract.

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**Signature**

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**Title**

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF M/WBE PARTICIPATION**

Name of Bidder/Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Bid No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of M/WBE Participant	Name of Majority Owner	Telephone	Address (City, State)	Type of Work Sub-Contracted	Estimated Sub-contract Value	MBE or WBE
					%	
					%	
					%	
					%	

MBE Participation Value: \_\_\_\_\_ %      Women Participation Value: \_\_\_\_\_ %

**The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with the M/WBE Subcontractors/Proposers identified herein for work listed in this schedule conditioned upon executing of a contract with the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah.**

**Joint Venture Disclosure**

If the prime bidder is a joint venture, please describe below the nature of the joint venture and level of work and financial participation to be provided by the Minority/Female joint venture firm.

Joint Venture Firms	Level of Work	Financial Participation

Printed name (company officer or representative): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Minority/Woman-Owned Business Office is available to identify qualified M/WBE's. Please contact the Office at (912) 651-3653. This form may be copied as needed. The City of Savannah has also posted a list of registered M/WBE's on its website @ [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov).

**CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT**  
**Employment Eligibility Verification**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the City of Savannah has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program\* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with the City of Savannah, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the City of Savannah at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 EEV / Basic Pilot Program\* User Identification Number

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

\*As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV / Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

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## ***Affidavit Verifying Status for City of Savannah Benefit Application***

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a City of Savannah, Georgia Business License or Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit, Contract or other public benefit as reference in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my bid for a City of Savannah contract for \_\_\_\_\_. [Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]

1.) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a citizen of the United States.

**OR**

2.) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older.

**OR**

3.) \_\_\_\_\_ I am an otherwise qualified alien (8 § USC 1641) or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1101 *et seq.*) 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.\*

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Signature of Applicant:                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN  
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\* Alien Registration number for non-citizens.

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: